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Albert Ettinger  
Council for Petitioners  
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Dear Mr. Ettinger:

Thank you for your letter of February 11, 2011, transmitting the petition on behalf of the Environmental Law & Policy Center, Campaign to Safeguard America's Waters, Gulf Restoration Network, and Kentucky Waterways Alliance, for rulemaking under the Clean Water Act regarding the 40 CFR 131.12(a)(2) Tier 2 antidegradation protection provisions. We are reviewing the petition and considering it in the context of the development of the proposal for the Water Quality Standards Regulatory Revisions. We will be following up with you in the coming weeks regarding the content of your petition.

If you have any questions or concerns you may contact me at (202) 566-1649, or by email at [hisel-mccoy.sara@epa.gov](mailto:hisel-mccoy.sara@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sara Hisel-McCoy", is positioned above the printed name and title.

Sara Hisel-McCoy, Director  
Standards and Health Protection Division